(2) he is able to read and write at least two vernacular languages of the Presidency of Madras;

(3) he has completed a course of training in vaccination at the King Institute, Guindy; and

(4) he is in the opinion of the appointing authority physically fit for camp life.

(*b*) & (*c*) Government employ vaccinators only in the Agency. None of these vaccinators is a woman.

Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any objection to the employment of women as vaccinators? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" There is no objection at all, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI :—" May I know, whether the Government will consider the desirability of appointing women vaccinators if they are prepared to come forward and if a number of qualified women are available? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not think qualified women vaccinators are available in any large numbers."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" Will Government be pleased to advise the local boards to see that a certain number of women are appointed as vaccinators? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It is not possible to do so, as there are no women vaccinators available."

Co-operation

Help rendered by the Provincial Weavers' Co-operative Society to the handloom weavers of the province.

* 598 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what work has the Board of Directors of the Provincial Weavers' Co-operative Society turned out so far to help the handloom weavers of this province;

(*b*) how many affiliated societies have so far been started in each district and what they are; and

(*c*) how long this work is likely to continue and whether the Government of India have agreed to pay grants for this work every year?

A.—(*a*) It is not possible to state in answer to a question what the society has done. It may, however, be briefly stated that the society started business on 12th August 1935. It has appointed its Secretary, Marketing Officer and six district supervisors. The Secretary is chiefly employed in collecting subscriptions and generally looking to the

finances of the society. The Marketing Officer is studying marketing possibilities in Madras and the mufassal, fixing agencies in these places, and collecting samples of cloth produced in several areas. The district supervisors are engaged in similar work. Arrangements are being made to supply primary societies with yarn of correct length and weight at the price ruling on the day of delivery.

(b) There are now 15 affiliated societies whose names are given in the list [a] appended. Production societies are being organized at Melapalayam, Conjeeveram, Narayanavaram, Pedana, Rayadrug and Tanjore.

(c) The work is likely to continue for as long as the Government of India give the grant which will be received till 1938–39.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Are there any rules restricting the affiliation of societies? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I cannot say off-hand."

Public Works

Recruitment of Assistant Engineers and Supervisors since 1930.

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Assistant Engineers and how many supervisors have been recruited for the Public Works in each year since 1930;

(*b*) what the communitywar and districtwar strength is of each class of these appointments in each year; and

(*c*) whether there is direct recruitment of Executive Engineers and if so, how many have been selected in each year since 1930; and how many such posts have been filled by promotion in each year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*)—

Assistant Engineers.

	Brahman.	Non-Brahman.	Others.	Total.
1930	8	..	..	8
1931	..	1	..	1
1932 to 1934	..	..	..	..
1935	8	8	..	16

Supervisors.

	Brahman.	Non-Brahman.	Christian.	Muhammadan.	Total.
1930	39	23	4	1	67
1931	7	7	1	..	15
1932 to 1935	..	..	..	..	..

Information regarding the districtwar strength is not available.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 224 infra.